

Massachusetts Dairy Revitalization Task Force

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Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2007

SECTION 17. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established a dairy farm revitalization task force which shall consist of the following members:

TASK FORCE MEMBER MAKEUP

Group	Appointing Authority	
Farmer	Governor	1
Farmer, MA Association of Dairy Farmers	Governor	1
Farmer, MA Cooperative Milk Producers Federation	Governor	1
Processor	Governor	1
Secretary or Designee, Energy and Environmental Affairs		1
2 Members	Secretary	2
Commissioner or Designee, Department of Agricultural Resources		1
1 Member	Commissioner	1
Commissioner, Department of Public Health		1
Commissioner, Division of Energy Resources		1
Members of the Senate	Senate President 2, Minority leader 1	3
Members of the House of Representatives	Speaker 2, Minority Leader 1	3

JOINT CHAIR

Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;
Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources, or their designees.

PURPOSE

The task force shall investigate short and long-term solutions to preserving and strengthening the dairy farm industry in the Commonwealth. Said investigation shall include methods to promote the innovation in, and the revitalization of, the Massachusetts dairy farming community, including without limitation, investigating the impact of increased fixed costs borne by the dairy farming community including, but not limited to, fuel prices, healthcare and insurance; promoting locally produced milk; and promoting alternative and renewable energy uses for farmers.

REPORT DUE

The task force shall report its findings together with legislation, if any, to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, to the chairs of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture, and the senate and house committees on ways and means no later than October 1, 2007.